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RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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DO WE NEED PERMIT PARKING IN OUR COMMUNITY?

At the July 13th meeting, RNA will discuss a long ignored problem in our neighborhood: the scarcity of available street parking for local residents and the continual problem of additional vehicles parking on our streets. It is time to consider several solutions that the City is willing to institute once there is a consensus among the residents.

Permit parking has been successfully implemented in several areas of the City. Permit parking preserves street parking for the local residents by limiting the use of local streets for parking by non-residents to several hours a day (usually 2 hours). After that their vehicles would be subject to a parking summons and afterwards, the installation of a boot. A resident on the other hand would be eligible for a $5.00/year parking permit allowing them to unlimited parking in the area.

The other idea is to install metered parking along several areas of Palisade Avenue between Griffith Street and Cuneo Place. This would prevent vehicles from tying up valuable parking space on the Avenue for several days and give customers immediate access to our local businesses.

RNA has discussed both of these ideas with Carmine Venezia of the Parking Authority. With the City's commitment to implement a revitalization plan for Palisade Avenue next year - it is time to address this issue now. Because of its importance, RNA is extending a special invitation to all local residents and business owners to attend this meeting to give their opinions.

PARK FAIR was a GRAND SUCCESS!

Everybody - vendors, customers and volunteers - had a great time at RNA's 15th Annual Park Fair and Flea Market. It was a beautiful day, weather-wise, and the event was a popular and financial success!

Special thanks to the following individuals without whose support this event would not have been possible: **Rodney Hadley** of the Div. of Parks for all his help; **Councilman Bill Gaughan**; Palisade Ave. businessman **Phil Baldwin of Royal House Services** who loaned us the tables for our activities; our friend **Tony Scarpa of SDS Bikes** for

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SUMMER EVENTS:

SHAKESPEARE in the PARK

The Hudson Shakespeare Company will perform four of their current repertory in Riverview-Fisk Park this summer. The performances will include:

1) **The Beggar's Opera: Saturday, July 10, 2PM,**
2) **Couples of Shakespeare, Sat. July 24, 2 PM,**
3) **Taming of the Shrew, Sat. August 21, 2PM.**

Their production of **Julius Caesar**, which is sponsored by the Dept. of Cultural Affairs, was cancelled due to bad weather. Watch for announcements in the Park for its new date and time. [See the attached flyer for more information.]

EXCITING GAZEBO SERIES IN RIVERVIEW-FISK PARK

Jersey City will present two music filled evenings in the Park to hopefully satisfy everyone's taste:

Wednesday, July 21st: LIQUID BLUE, a Latin Funk band who will liven up our side of the Hudson. and

Wednesday, August 18th: BILL TURNER & BLUE SMOKE who will rock around the clock in our Park!

Both concerts will start around **6:00 PM** at the Park pavilion.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

This summer, members of RNA's P & D Committee will be busy at work reviewing plans and meeting with developers of several local projects in our neighborhood.

235 Ogden Avenue: the proposed conversion of an old warehouse into residential apartments. The developers must apply for parking variances from the City.

253 Ogden Avenue: the construction of a two family unit. Developer has presented plans for modular construction. There are concerns about parking and a third apartment.

346-352 Ogden Avenue: the developer has been granted approval to subdivide the property into three lots. Construction has recently begun to erect three two family units. There are concerns about building on the sloped cliff and the committee will review the site plan.

Anyone interested in participating in this process, should contact **Steven Carr** at 653-0662 for all future meetings.

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donating a bicycle for our afternoon raffle; **Chris Landherr** of Ogden Avenue, for entertaining everyone with his live musical performance; **Joey George** for setting up the sound system; **NFT officers Jackie Baljko and Christine Jaworski** for running the Police Department's D.A.R.E. and fingerprinting table; **Jim of the Incinerator Authority** for distributing the recycling containers; **Al Festa** for making the large Park banner which was hung at Bowers and Palisade and **Marshall Williams**, our Park attendant.

A "thank-you" to all those individuals who donated anything to either the cake table or the RNA "used items" table. we sold out the cake table and except for a few books and some glass ware, the RNA table was bare at the end of the day.

Our sincere appreciation to **Central Avenue Bagel** and **Geohrig's Bakery** for their continued support of our event. This year RNA also wishes to thank **Edward's Supermarket** on Central Avenue for their generous donation of food stuffs. We sincerely appreciate all their contributions to our organization and to our community. Three cheers for our Central Avenue businesses!

To the volunteers: **Jerry Brooks, Doris Brown, Vito Brunetti, Gina and Hank Cesare, Beth D'Errico, Len Davis, Alison Fontana, Maria Galatsos, Tim Gilliard, Bongo Guchuico, Carole Hollander, Kevin Mahony, John McCarthy, Marie and Elaine Mastro, Patrick Moore, Mary Mills, Jack and Valerie Rea, Pam Shaw, Clif Steinbring, Rosemary Ventor, Marcella Williams, Valerie Woodson** and **Christine Zerrer** and anyone else we forgot to mention: Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! YOU all did a splendid job and made organizing the day a breeze. I am grateful to everyone who contributed to the day's success and who made my job as chair-person so easy.

This year RNA reached out to our neighbors - the residents of the Harbor View Health Care Center and included them in the day's festivities in the Park. Several of our members, coordinated by Valerie Woodson, joined forces with Harbor View's Amy Montgomery to accompany these residents to the Park for an outing. The residents had a great time, shopping and enjoying the crowds at the event. All the volunteers certainly felt rewarded. In fact, it was the highlight of their day at the event. A special thanks to **Jack Cesare**, a wonderful good-will" ambassador, for lending his charm and winning smile to us all.

Maria Tuzzo
Event Coordinator

[RNA would like to publicly acknowledge the terrific work that Ms. Tuzzo did in coordinating this annual event.]

RNA MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the June, July and August meetings will be published in the September newsletter. During these summer months, RNA only publishes an abbreviated issue to announce meetings and special events.

JULY 4th IN THE PARK

RNA has again requested that the City assign a special detail of police officers to Riverview-Fisk Park to control the large crowds that gather for the fireworks display.

BE ALERT DURING THE SUMMER!

There have been a series of burglaries and a resumption of car break-ins in Riverview-Fisk Park. Practice being a good neighbor and report any suspicious behavior to the police. Call your neighbor to confirm any activity on their property.

Residents should contact their **NTF Officers** if there is a problem, safety concern or knowledge of criminal activity at **547-5719** or leave a message at the police station's front desk at **547-5350**. For emergencies, call **547-5477** or **911**. Anyone with information about illegal drug use and/or drug dealing, should contact the JCPD **Narcotics Unit** at **547-5391**.

PARK FAIR T-SHIRT FOR SALE!

For the 15th anniversary of our Park Fair and Flea Market, RNA commissioned local resident Pam Shaw to design a special T-shirt. It is a royal blue shirt with the above design printed on the back.

Each shirt costs **$8.00**. Fill out the information requested on this coupon and send in with a check or money order made out to RNA . No COD orders.

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ADDRESS: _____

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TELEPHONE:_____

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SIZE: S M L XL XXL

Circle the correct size(s).

Send your order to **RNA c/o M. Tuzzo, 170 Ogden Avenue, Jersey City, N. J. 07307**. T-shirts can be picked-up at the above address or at an RNA meeting.

Hudson Shakespeare Company

Presents to

Fisk/Riverview Park

Free Admission!

Julius Caesar

By William Shakespeare
Directed By Jeffrey Flood

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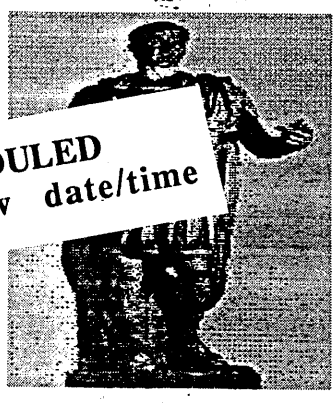
Look for announcement for new date/time



The Beggar's Opera

By John Gay
Directed By Sandy Harper

Saturday July 10 2PM

The Couples of Shakespeare

By Jon Ciccarelli
Directed By Jon Ciccarelli

Saturday July 24 2PM

The Taming of the Shrew

By William Shakespeare
Directed By Andrew Foley

Saturday August 21 2PM

Call (201) 865-1436 for more information

DO YOU WANT PERMIT PARKING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?: Come to RNA'S Next Meeting onTuesday, JULY 13th AT 7:00PM

HAVE A SAFE, HAPPY & QUIET SUMMER IN JERSEY CITY

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COMING EVENTS

RNA MEETING: Tuesday, July 13th at 7:00 PM
LOCATION: THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER

Community Meeting - Open to the General Public:

TOPIC: HOW TO IMPROVE OUR LOCAL PARKING
a) Permit Parking for the Residential Blocks
b) Metered Parking for Palisade Avenue

RNA's Summer Entertainment Series in Riverview-Fisk Park:
July 10: Hudson Shakespeare's "The Beggar's Opera "
July 21: Music Concert: LIQUID BLUE (Latin Fusion)
July 24: Hudson Shakespeare's "Couples of Shakespeare"
(For more information about these events, see details inside this newsletter.)